

Cronin Field Equipment and Maintenance Guidelines

- When the tarps are on home plate, bases and the pitchers mound:
 - 1) If standing water is present, lift from four sides and carry past the mound or plate area. Dump water off field of play and roll or fold tarps up.
 - 2) Tarps must be stored behind first base dugout as close as possible.
 - 3) **DO NOT place tarps on green grass areas.**
 - 4) **DO NOT allow metal cleats on tarps!**

- **Batting Practice Rules:**

- Absolutely No batting practice against main backstop.
- Never have any hitting drills against police station fence.
- Use black mats over batters boxes at home plate.
- Use batting practice cage.
- Pitchers must stand on **gray mat** behind the L-screen.
- **DO NOT USE THE MOVEABLE BATTING CAGE UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN PROPERLY TRAINED BY ED GAY 617-962-0268 OR DAN McHUGH.**

- **After Batting Practice:**

- Place black mats outside dugout entrances on dirt area only, **NOT ON GRASS!**
- Fold gray mat and placed in a dugout.
- Put Batting Cage against Police Station fence.
- Put L screens behind third base dugout.

- **Rain or puddle issues:**

- 1) Soil Master Quick Dry Game Saver is the only product to be used for puddles.
- 2) This product is stored in first base dugout.
- 3) DO NOT push puddles off the infield dirt over to grass areas.
Why? This causes the lips that prevent the field from draining naturally.
- 4) Spread any standing water throughout the infield area.
- 5) Rain coming? Do not wait, place tarps down.

- **Home Run Fence:**

- 1) The outfield fence is collapsible from the outfield out.
- 2) Damage to fence occurs with anyone jumping over the fence from the outside.
- 3) **DO NOT allow players to jump or go through the fence from either direction.**
- 4) There is a three-foot section in centerfield that will be left open. At game time, place the small piece in the gap outside the main fence.
- 5) In a game situation only! If a player collides with the fence the piece will snap down to prevent injury. The piece can be placed back up afterwards.

- **Dugouts:**

- 1) Players and coaches are the only people allowed in the dugouts.
- 2) Smoking and/or chewless tobacco is not permitted on and around Cronin Field.
- 3) Dugouts must be cleaned completely after each game.
- 4) Hingham Home team is responsible for both dugouts for out of town competitions.
- 5) **Scoreboard console:** Only adults may operate the scoreboard console.
- 6) At the end of a game, the console must be returned to the Rec Center.

- **When the Game is Over:**

- 1) Coaches must always **assume** there is no game after and prepare the field for the night.
- 2) Rakes will be in dugouts. Home plate, pitchers mound and areas around bases must be raked.
- 3) Tarps must be placed on the mound and plate; spikes must be used in each hole.